

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/24/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 4, 7 - 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25 - 30 (renumbered 1 - 23).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. During telephone conversation with Kenneth F. Kozik, Attorney for the Applicants, Registration Number 36,572 on September 11, 2005 authorizations for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims,

Please amend the followings:

Claim 1. (Presently amended) A computer-implemented method of accessing information comprising:

processing query text and a wireless identifier received from a wireless device,
the processing comprising:

parsing the query text to generate a search fragment;

substituting long form words for abbreviations contained in the search fragment
in conjunction with an abbreviations dictionary; and

adding context to the search fragment;

searching a collection of data for a set of results matching the query text;

selectively reducing, in conjunction with viewing space on the wireless device,
the set of results to generate a subset of results;

outputting a prose rendition of the query text, ~~the prose rendition representing ordinary speech or writing without metrical structure;~~ and
outputting the subset of results on the wireless device.

Please cancel claim 2.

Claim 3. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 2 wherein adding context comprises extracting data from a web page from which the query text was received.

Claim 4. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 2 wherein adding context comprises extracting data from a previously presented results page from which the query text was received.

Please cancel Claim 5.

Please cancel claim 6.

Claim 7. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein selectively reducing comprises:

placing the set of results in a hierarchical data structure organized by taxonomy;
and
discarding results positioned at a lowest level of the hierarchical data structure.

Claim 8. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein outputting the prose rendition comprises:

processing the query text in conjunction with rules of grammar; and
processing the query text in conjunction with a prose configuration file.

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Claim 9. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein outputting of the subset comprises placing the subset in a table.

Claim 10. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 9 further comprising customizing the table to the wireless device.

Claim 11. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 10 wherein customizing the table to the wireless device comprises:

- loading a wireless style sheet database;
- locating a style sheet that matches the wireless identifier in the style sheet database; and
- reducing the length and width of the table in accordance with the style sheet.

Claim 12. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 11 wherein reducing further comprises subdividing the table into a plurality of smaller tables.

Claim 13. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 10 wherein customizing the table comprises:

- loading an abbreviations dictionary; and
- replacing long form words in the table with corresponding abbreviations in the abbreviations database.

Claim 14. (Presently amended) A computer-implemented method of accessing information from a wireless device comprising:

- processing query text and a wireless identifier received from the wireless device, the processing comprising:
 - parsing the query text to generate a search fragment;
 - substituting long form words for abbreviations contained in the search fragment in conjunction with an abbreviations dictionary; and

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adding context to the search fragment;
searching a collection of data for a set of results matching the query text;
selectively reducing, in conjunction with viewing space on the wireless device,
the set of results to generate a subset of results;
outputting a prose rendition of the query text, ~~the prose rendition representing~~
~~ordinary speech or writing without metrical structure;~~ and
outputting the subset of results on the wireless device according to a style sheet.

Claim 15. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein the query text is a combination of text, sentence fragments and abbreviated words.

Please cancel Claim 16.

Claim 17. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein the query text is sentence fragments.

Claim 18. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein the query text is abbreviated words.

Claim 19. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein the query text is speech.

Please cancel Claim 20.

Claim 21. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 ~~20~~ wherein adding context comprises extracting data from a web page from which the query text was received.

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Claim 22. (Presently amended) The computer-implement method of claim 14 20 wherein adding context comprises extracting data from a previously presented results page from which the query text was received.

Please cancel Claim 23.

Please cancel Claim 24.

Claim 25. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein selectively reducing comprises:
placing the set of results in a hierarchical data structure organized by taxonomy;
and
discarding results positioned at a lowest level of the hierarchical data structure.

26. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein outputting the subset comprises:
placing the subset in a table; and
reducing the length and width of the table in accordance with a style sheet.

Claim 27. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 26 wherein reducing further comprises dividing the table into a plurality of smaller tables.

Claim 28. (Presently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein outputting the subset comprises replacing long form words in the table with corresponding abbreviations in an abbreviations database.

Claim 29. (Presently amended) A computer program, residing on a computer-readable medium, including instructions for causing a computer to:
process query text and a wireless identifier received from a wireless device, the processing comprising:

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parsing the query text to generate a search fragment;
substituting long form words for abbreviations contained in the search fragment
in conjunction with an abbreviations dictionary; and
adding context to the search fragment;
search a collection of data for a set of results matching the query text;
selectively reduce, in conjunction with viewing space on the wireless device, the
set of results to generate a subset of results;
output a prose rendition of the query text, ~~the prose rendition representing~~
~~ordinary speech or writing without metrical structure;~~ and
output the subset of results on the wireless device.

Claim 30. (Presently amended) A computer program, residing on a computer-readable medium, including instructions for causing a computer to:

process query text and a wireless identifier received from a wireless device, the processing comprising:
parsing the query text to generate a search fragment;
substituting long form words for abbreviations contained in the search fragment
in conjunction with an abbreviations dictionary; and
adding context to the search fragment;
search a collection of data for a set of results matching the query text;
selectively reduce, in conjunction with viewing space on the wireless device, the
set of results to generate a subset of results;
outputting a prose rendition of the query, ~~the prose rendition representing~~
~~ordinary speech or writing without metrical structure;~~ and
output the subset of results on the wireless device according to a style sheet.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 – 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 25 – 30 (renumbered 1 – 23) are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature "processing query text and a wireless identifier received from a wireless device, the processing comprising:

- parsing the query text to generate a search fragment;
- substituting long form words for abbreviations contained in the search fragment in conjunction with an abbreviations dictionary; and
- adding context to the search fragment;
- searching a collection of data for a set of results matching the query text;
- selectively reducing, in conjunction with viewing space on the wireless device, the set of results to generate a subset of results;
- outputting a prose rendition of the query text; and
- outputting the subset of results on the wireless device.", as recited in the independent claims.

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred I. Ehichioya whose telephone number is 571-272-4034. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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